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Greg, I was with you until the last paragraph. The fact is the current P&N statement is completely consistent with all the parameters you outline in paragraphs 2 and 3. The words "up to" and the acknowledgement that operations will continue to be constrained by hydrology and regulatory requirements are determinative. I don't think there's any expectation that in every year "full" contract entitlements will be delivered. Indeed, I thought "contract entitlements" are defined as limited by hydrology and regulation in the current contracts now. However, I think the PREs do want to be able to ensure delivery of up to full contract entitlements when the hydrology and conditions allow so that we can optimize, as you state, the "more extractions during wetter seasons and years and less extractions during drier seasons and years" to replenish reserves when most practical and environmentally benign to do so.

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Just back from vacation, and eager to rejoin the fray.

The apparent impasse over BDCP water supply assurances/purpose and needs statement should not be so hard to resolve. It is an artifact of both sides continuing to view the metric in purely quantitative terms. E.g., the ecosystem needs more throughput vs. the water supply agencies need to move in the direction of full contract deliveries.

This is too simplistic. It ignores the time value of water and it ignores the potential for lowering conflicts between extractions and ecosystem needs with improved plumbing, improved operations, and improved biological productivity. What we need to focus on is three parameters, which translate into, but are not defined in terms of raw quantities of throughput vs. extractions. These parameters are limits on the rates, timing and locations of extractions deemed necessary to recover the listed species.

Operationally, that will mean more extractions during wetter seasons and years and less extractions during drier seasons and years. That is why we need a large capacity isolated conveyance facility, a much improved governance structure for delta operations, and enhanced ability to store water after it has been extracted. In terms of water supply improvements, it means greater reliability during times of scarcity, which will not equate to full contract deliveries.

The enviro letter is right in calling for scrapping the current Purpose and Needs statement and replacing it with a statement that is expressed in terms of lowering conflict, increasing biological productivity, and improving dry year supply reliability. That should not be so hard to get to.

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Talking and “working together” seems to be a waste of time.

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Hi Everyone;

I would be willing to have an in person discussion about this if folks think that would be helpful. I notice the continued exchange of letters creates a somewhat sterile and stilted discussion that is unlikely to resolve the issues.

Perhaps at a caucus meeting or at a meeting specifically set to discuss this issue?

What do others think? Is there a possibility that discussion could help or are folks firmly planted in their positions?

Thanks,

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FYI -- I'm forwarding this to the larger BDCP Caucus list . . .

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Karen,

Please see the attached letter submitted by The Bay Institute, Defenders of Wildlife and Environmental Defense Fund regarding the Purpose and Needs statement. As we discussed earlier today, this issue is of great importance to our organizations (and to other interests, some of which have already put their concerns in writing) and we believe revising and clarifying the statement at this stage in the process will help lead to a more credible and successful plan.

We would be glad to meet with you as soon as is convenient to discuss this further.

Thank you,
Ann

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